

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a 3-substituted-phenyl-3-merthylbutyric acid and 3-substituted-phenyl-3-merthylaldehyde derivatives, which are useful in the production of N-[N-[3-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylbutyl]-L-  $\alpha$  -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine 5 1-methyl ester, which is a sweetener with high sweetening potency.